THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.25019 of 2005

Date:28.11.2005

K.Penchal Reddy

--------PETITIONER

The Regional Manager,

A.P.S.R.T.C. Nellore.

---------RESPONDENT

ORDER:

Petitioner is a Conductor in the A.P.S.R.T.C. Through an office order, dated 05.12.2002, the respondent placed the petitioner in the scale of pay of Rs.3,485/- to Rs.8,100/-. It was pointed out that the petitioner would be entitled for the said grade with effect from 01.03.2002, and he was required to exercise option in terms of Circular dated 26.05.1990. Petitioner states that even after expiry of about three years, the benefit under the office order was not extended to him.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondent.

The office order was passed in the context of the petitioner completing twelve years of service. The extension of benefit thereunder was subject to exercise of the option by the petitioner. It is not known as to whether the petitioner had exercised the option at all, or if it so, it accords with the Circular dated 26.05.1990. Though an assertion is made on behalf of the petitioner that he exercised such option, the record does not substantiate the same as of now. The petitioner can certainly make a representation, in this regard, and the respondent, in turn, shall have to take necessary steps.

Hence the writ petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the petitioner to make a representation, duly furnishing the particulars as to the manner of exercise of option by him in terms of Circular dated 26.05.1990. On receipt of such representation, the respondent shall pass appropriate orders within a period of one month thereafter. There shall be no order as to costs.

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